

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 730

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Gibson County Emergency Management Agency upon being presented with StormReady certification.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to salute the men and women of emergency services who, in the course of discharging their vital public duties, provide care that dramatically improves outcomes for their area's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Gibson County Emergency Management Agency employs a staff of the highest quality, and for their dedication to saving lives in severe weather, they have recently received StormReady certification from the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, a StormReady community must establish a twenty-four-hour warning point and emergency operations center, have more than one way to alert the public to weather forecasts and warnings, create a system that monitors local weather conditions, promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars, and develop a formal hazardous weather plan which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises; and

WHEREAS, this award salutes Gibson County for improving the timeliness and effectiveness of hazardous weather warnings for the public through a proactive approach of increased communication and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, with a stalwart commitment to keep the people of Gibson County safe, the Gibson County Emergency Management Agency, under the active leadership of Director Rickey Graves, has established siren networks, radio alert systems, weather spotters, and other items to better prepare for severe weather; and

WHEREAS, these men and women are truly dedicated to the safety and well-being of their fellow Tennesseans, and for their prodigious efforts on behalf of the people of Gibson County, they should be duly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Gibson County Emergency Management Agency upon being presented with StormReady certification, applauding the efforts of its membership to protect the lives of Gibson Countians during severe weather events and all other emergency situations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.